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Week of October 17 - October 23, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unseasonably warm temperatures across the State.

Sugarbeet harvest one week behind average pace

Hay supplies adequate nearly everywhere.

Daytime highs were mostly in the upper 60's to upper 70's during the week. Night time temperatures were mostly in the low 20's to mid 30's. Temperatures were above normal across the entire state, while precipitation was below normal except in some south-central areas.

As of October 23, 56 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture and 3 percent was surplus, down 1 point from last week. Supplies continued to be significantly better than the last five years.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	12	13	18	31
Short	29	27	38	43
Adeq	56	56	40	25
Surp	3	4	4	1

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Corn Mature	89	83	72	92
Corn Harvested	30	23	14	37
Dry Beans Combined	89	87	81	94
Sugarbeets Harvested	49	20	61	73
Alfalfa Third Cut	87	82	84	92

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.2 days were suitable for field work. Winter wheat crop condition was unchanged with 60 percent rated good. The sugarbeet harvest was 49 percent complete, about 5 days behind last year and about 7 days behind average. Sugarbeets condition was unchanged from last week at 85 percent good and 15 percent fair.

Corn condition was down slightly with 12 percent rated excellent and 63 percent good. Corn was mature on 89 percent of the acreage, a little behind average but still ahead of last year. The corn harvest was complete on 30 percent of the acreage, also a little behind average but ahead of last year.

Eighty-nine percent of the dry beans were combined, about a week behind average but 9 days ahead of last year. The third cutting of alfalfa was 87 percent complete, 3 points ahead of last year but 5 points behind average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

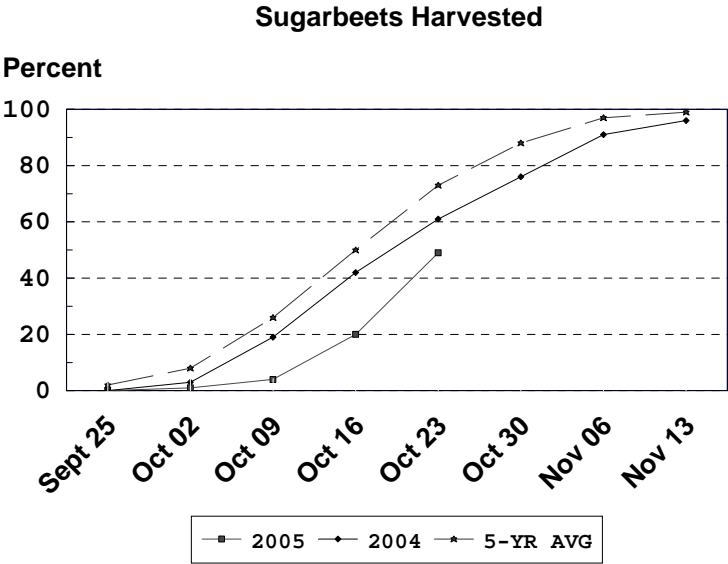
ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	0	1	39	60	0
Corn	0	5	20	63	12
Sugarbeets	0	0	15	85	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture feed was rated good or excellent in 54 percent of the state, up 7 points from last week and well ahead of last year's 16 percent and the 5-year average of 12 percent. Hay and roughage supplies were rated adequate in 69 percent of the state and surplus in 29 percent of the state, much better than last year when 76 percent was rated adequate and 2 percent surplus. Sixty-eight percent of cattle were moved from summer ranges, and eighty-eight percent of sheep were moved. Over 90 percent of the calves and lambs were rated in good or excellent condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	2	5	38	31
Poor	13	17	22	29
Fair	31	31	24	28
Good	49	43	12	11
Excellent	5	4	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, October 21st, temperatures were above normal and ranged from 3.4 degrees above normal in Jackson to 12.0 degrees above normal in Riverton. The high temperature was 81 in Wheatland and the low was 19 in Big Piney. Precipitation was mostly below normal. The most precipitation was reported in Saratoga with 0.25 inches followed by Laramie with 0.24 inches and Rawlins with 0.18 inches.



TEMPERATURE : PRECIPITATION											
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	CUMULATIVE 1/					
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STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM			
SNAKE DRAINAGE											
Jackson	69	21	3.4	0.00	-0.29	12.32	13.99	-1.67			
Afton	69	25	4.4	0.04	-0.30	15.88	14.92	0.96			
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE											
Uinta County AP	67	31	7.4	T	-0.25	8.77	9.46	-0.69			
Big Piney AP	68	19	6.4	0.00	-0.12	9.22	6.58	2.65			
Rock Springs AP	69	31	7.9	0.00	-0.20	7.80	7.88	-0.08			
BIG HORN DRAINAGE											
Cody	75	35	10.6	0.00	-0.20	10.51	9.79	0.72			
Deaver	76	31	6.5	0.00	-0.07	8.20	5.16	3.04			
Greybull AP	79	32	6.6	0.00	-0.13	6.23	6.63	-0.40			
Powell Field St	73	33	9.1	0.00	-0.11	9.31	6.72	2.59			
Worland FAA AP	77	33	8.0	0.00	-0.14	7.23	7.16	0.07			
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE											
Kaycee	79	29	8.1	0.00	-0.26	12.82	12.06	0.76			
Sheridan WSO AP	79	33	9.6	0.01	-0.28	15.35	12.87	2.49			
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE											
Dillinger	77	32	7.2	T	-0.26	15.83	13.22	2.61			
Sundance	75	37	10.1	0.00	-0.33	11.78	16.75	-4.97			
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE											
Newcastle	78	34	7.4	0.00	-0.27	16.64	14.46	2.18			
Redbird	79	32	7.2	0.00	-0.23	15.37	14.21	1.16			
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE											
Casper AP	76	33	9.1	T	-0.25	9.01	11.25	-2.24			
Cheyenne AP	73	37	7.9	0.13	-0.04	13.19	14.20	-1.01			
Chugwater	76	33	8.1	0.04	-0.18	15.09	14.12	0.97			
Douglas AP	78	34	8.4	0.00	-0.17	8.64	11.24	-2.60			
Torrington AP	80	33	9.0	0.09	-0.12	14.12	12.66	1.46			
Wheatland 4 N	81	34	7.2	0.08	-0.12	14.31	12.04	2.27			
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE											
Lander AP	72	35	8.4	0.00	-0.30	10.57	11.38	-0.81			
Riverton AP	73	36	12.0	0.00	-0.17	7.00	7.66	-0.66			
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE											
Laramie AP	69	31	6.8	0.24	0.06	8.67	10.07	-1.40			
Rawlins AP	69	29	6.1	0.18	-0.02	7.56	8.37	-0.81			
Saratoga	70	31	5.6	0.25	0.03	8.41	8.85	-0.44			

AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.

1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.